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The House met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ROONEY).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 30, 2011.

I hereby appoint the Honorable THOMAS J. ROONEY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Andy Walton, Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

God of time and space, known by many names and sought through many traditions, another calendar draws to a close, yet we are reminded of Your eternal presence.

As this representative body convenes, we remember that Your justice, Your love, Your grace, and Your presence transcend the measure of time and place. You fill these Chambers and the hearts and minds of those who work here, as well as the hopes of the countless people each one represents. Beyond this moment and this place, Your spirit bonds all creation in a tapestry of interdependence, transcending vested interests and personal privilege.

Standing on the threshold of a new year, may we forgive the discord, mistrust, and disappointment of our past, as You have forgiven; and may we receive Your grace-filled future of promise and potential that awaits nothing more or less than our open minds, our loving hearts, and our open arms stretched out to one another and, thus, to You. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(a) of House Resolution 493, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 493, the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 3, 2012, at 11 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4417. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a letter regarding the designation of Overseas and Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism funding; (H. Doc. No. 112-75); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

4418. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of two officers to wear the authorized insignia of the grade rear admiral (lower half); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4419. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department of Defense Inspector General Semi-annual Report, April 1, 2011 — September 30, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4420. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket ID: FEMA-2011-0002] received December 14, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4421. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket ID: FEMA-2011-0002] received December 14, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4422. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing: Emergency Solutions Grants Program and Consolidated Plan Conforming Amendments [Docket No.: FR-5474-I-01] (RIN: 2506-AC29) received December 19, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4423. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to Turkey pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

4424. A letter from the Acting Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting a report entitled, "Merger Decisions 2010", in accordance with Section 18(c)(9) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act; to the Committee on Financial Services.

4425. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's seventh annual report on Ethanol Market Concentration, pursuant to Section 1501(a)(2) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4426. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting a notice of proposed lease with the Government of Switzerland (Transmittal No. 01-12) pursuant to Section 62(a) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4427. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting Pursuant to Section 27(f) of the Arms Export Control Act and Section 1(f) of Executive Order 11958, Transmittal No. 15-11 informing of an intent to sign a Project Agreement with the State of Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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